



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2578, **Agenda Item #:** 82.

9/30/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Schuler Contracting, LLC, to provide sandy and chocolate loam, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,105,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water; Building Services Department; Watershed Protection Department; Parks and Recreation Department; Public Works.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,021,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating budget of various City Departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) IFB 2200 WJT1000 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on April 12, 2021 and it closed on May 20, 2021. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135177)

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For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Billy Toler, at 512-974-2054 or William.toler@austintexas.gov <<mailto:William.toler@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 1, 2021 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Musgrove, Fisher and Turrieta absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide sandy and chocolate loam for repair of utility infrastructure utilized by multiple departments throughout the city. Sandy and chocolate loam are finely screened topsoils containing sand, clay and organic materials that create an ideal backfill base which allows proper plant regrowth. The City requires utility lines be backfilled at utility repairs to protect the lines from exposure to the elements and unintended damage.

The recommended contractor is not the current provider for these goods and services. The contract will replace a contract which expires on November 11, 2021. The requested authorization amount is based on historical spending and forecasted needs.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.